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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1889.

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THE FIRE FIEND.

The recent dry weather has impressed upon many property owners the necessity of some better protection against fires in the woods. We have been fairly worn out the past week fighting fire. Sometimes a spark from a passing locomotive; sometimes the contents of a pipe, the stump of a cigar or a match carelessly dropped in the dry grass; sometimes a cattle owner seeking a fresh growth of grass after the fire; sometimes a mischievous boy playing with fire—in any case the possible destruction of valuable property and the certain expenditure of valuable time and strength in putting it out. That half the able bodied men in a town or a section of country should have to be called out from one to four times a week to fight fire, losing each time from an hour to half a day, is no small tax upon our people, aside from the property destroyed, and this has been the case in many places for several weeks past. The cost in time alone is out of all proportion to the trivial nature of the causes of fire. But even if no building, fences or other valuable improvements are destroyed, and they not infrequently are, we think it an estimate fully within bounds that the value of wild pine land for agricultural purposes is reduced at least a dollar an acre each time a fire passes over it, by the destruction of vegetable matter which would otherwise decay and improve the soil. When we reckon the thousands of acres burned over every year, this means a very large loss to the State, and one which we may well concern ourselves to reduce as much as possible. We think it would be no more than right to enact a severe penalty for starting a fire upon any other person's property, or allowing fire to extend to such, giving half the fine to informer. Such a law would soon make people more careful. The railroads are among the worst offenders, and if they were fined for every fire started we think it would not be long before some practicable

way would be found to reduce the number of fires very materially. They would seek more effective spark arresters, and perhaps set their track hands occasionally to burning off a narrow strip on each side of the track, so that sparks might fall harmless. In excessive drouths like that just passed it might even be worth while to maintain a constant patrol for a few weeks in the most dangerous places. Certainly something should be done, especially in the immediate neighborhood of towns, to reduce the frequency of dangerous fires.

Rollins College.

A very pleasant musical entertainment was given at the College chapel last Friday evening. First on the programme was a piano duet by Misses Garrett and Missildine, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Garrett. Both numbers were fairly rendered and generously applauded.

The serio-comic cantata of the Grasshopper was then given under the direction of Miss Garrett, by a chorus of students, with solos by Misses Fisk and Missildine, and Messrs. Fisk and McDuffie. It was a very entertaining bit of nonsense, in which the untimely fate of the poor grasshopper was hysterically bewailed by his friends, all in deep mourning; treated with shocking hilarity by a chorus of little black bugs, who dwelt under his vine; sung in proud triumph by the basso-profundo representing the turkey gobbler who "gathered him in;" and finally, introduced with a flourish of trumpets, the changes were rung upon it in grand chorus in the highest style of the Italian opera.

It was a great success, and much credit is due to the performers, and especially to Miss Garrett who conducted the rehearsals.

President Hooker preached the annual sermon to the students of the College at the Congregational church, last Sunday morning. It was very interesting, instructive and impressive. From the experience of the Young

Ruler, Mark x: 17, 21, the Doctor drew three lessons for the young: first, Put away your faults; second, Choose the best things; third, Be thorough.

The programme for the exercises at Rollins College, Thursday afternoon, May 30th, was as follows:

Chorus, Who Knows What the Bells Say?
Henry Parker.

Recitation, The King of Denmark's Ride.
Miss Fidelia Fisk.

Declamation, The Vagabond.
Carney Dolive.

Piano Solo, Midsummer Night's Dream.
Mendelssohn. *Miss Marian Curtis.*

Recitation, The Owl Critic.
Miss Maria Fletcher.

Essay, Fancies.
Miss S. May Moreman.

Vocal Solo, Spinning Song, Cowen, Hark!
Hark! the Lark. *Schubert.*

Oration, Washington.
Stuart V. R. Hooker.

Original Recitation, Stanley.
Miss Elizabeth R. Hooker.

Chorus, In the woods. *Mendelssohn.*

Arthur Montefiore in an article on the climate of Florida published in the *London Field*, has this to say of a Florida summer: "On the other hand the Florida summer is marked by no annual visitation of disease, by no dreadful scourge as periodic as the season itself, and practically the only sickness known is a sort of intermittent fever, light and in no way dangerous, though exceedingly unpleasant. By living on high and dry pine land, and by exercising common sanitation and precaution, the risk of fever and malaria is reduced to a minimum. As regards heat, it must be remembered that in its oppressive manifestation it is scarcely known to Florida, while the "hot oven" heat which lays many a New Yorker low with sunstroke, is something out of Florida's experience.

Several lots of orange trees were sent from nurseries in Alachua county to Nicaragua and other Central American States during the past season, and the prospect is that the demand for trees from that quarter will continually increase.

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WINTER PARK, MAY 31, 1889.

The orange growers' convention held at Leesburg, May 1st, adjourned to meet at Palatka next Wednesday, June 5th, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance, as this is regarded as the best opportunity to inaugurate some plan of united action in marketing the next crop. Let our fruit growers be well represented.

At last, after a full month without a drop of rain, the dry spell has been broken. Serious damage had already been done in many places to all kinds of tree and plant life, while the drying up of everything green had materially affected animals also. Everybody was very anxious as to the extent the damage would finally reach, and everybody has rejoiced in corresponding measure to see rain again. Estimates of the coming crops will have to be modified very materially as it is, but the damage is nothing to what another week of dry weather might have inflicted.

We are glad to note the starting at Orlando of the South Florida Fertilizer Company, which proposes to make four brands of high grade fertilizers for fruit and vegetables. This is as it should be. Nearly, if not all, the necessary ingredients for good fertilizers are to be had within the State, and yet we are annually sending at least \$2,000,000 in hard cash out of the State for them, while much of our home material goes to waste. We are glad to see that attention is being directed to working up this material and keeping the money at home. One of the first lessons in economy is that the shorter the time in which money

can be turned over, the more profit can be made in a year. If money is paid for any article to a home producer it will not have so far to travel, nor go through so many hands, before it gets back where it started and begins a new round, as when sent to a distant State. It gets around oftener, and each time it passes through your hands you have a chance to make a profit on it.

JOTTINGS.

The O. & W. P. R. R. have their small engine running again.

Mr. Paul has moved his stable on to the back of his business block.

Miss Barrows has taken up her abode with Miss Lamson for the summer.

We are sorry to hear of the quite serious illness of Mr. B. L. Clark and hope it will be of short duration.

Mr. J. H. Lamay has the contract for painting the O. & W. P. depot, a guarantee that it will be well done.

Robert White, Jr. and family left on the 27th for the North. Mr. White will return soon but his family will spend the summer.

We hear of a wedding soon to occur here between very prominent parties. We hope it is true and, if true, wish them a life time of happiness and prosperity.

We are all thankful for the rains of the past few days. It was getting so awfully dry here that it almost seemed as though we had been forgotten in the distribution of that much needed article.

Mr. Bonfield and family from Brooklyn, New York have arrived here and will go to work at once improving a place they have bought of Mr. Richmond. They will live for the present in the Harry Davies house, but expect to build. We heartily welcome them to Winter Park.

The appointment of Mr. Thayer to the postmastership vacated his office as alderman and as president of the council. At a meeting held on the 29th, Henry S. Chubb was elected president of the council. The vacancy will not be considered until the return of Mayor White.

President Harrison is breaking up our town council badly. First he appointed Mr. Thayer to the post-office. Now he has appointed Judge Mizell to the Marshalship and Hon. E. R. Gunby, counsel of the town, to the collectorship at the port of Tampa. Well what is our loss is certainly a gain to each of these gentlemen and to Uncle Sam. We have expressed our opinion of the post-office and so we now wish to say that in the appointment of Judge Mizell the department has done a wise and just thing. From his intimate knowledge of the duties of the office, from his known honesty and capacity, no better selection could have been made. Everybody who knows the Judge, and who does not, feels almost a personal gratification at his elevation to this responsible office. As to Mr. Gunby, while not a resident of Winter Park, we all feel a pride in his advancement. Young, ambitious, energetic, brainy, capable and thoroughly honest, none of his friends here, and that includes us all, predict for him anything but a brilliant future. While some of us differ in politics from the party now in power, we can't help feeling a just pride in the selections made in our immediate neighborhood by the Administration; they are all capable, honest and able men, beginning with Judge Swayne from Kissimmee, Hon. E. R. Gunby from Orlando, Judge Mizell, Mr. Thayer and Col. Egan from here, and J. B. Henck, Jr. at Longwood, and we must say, regardless of politics, no better selections could have been made.

Railroads Must Live.

The supreme court of Florida has rendered a decision of vital importance to the public and to railroad corporations. The board of railroad commissioners, created by the legislature of Florida in 1887, fixed rates for the Pensacola and Atlantic railroad company, which the company asserted were too low to enable it to earn enough revenue to pay its expenses, and refused to adopt the rates fixed by the commission. The State of Florida, at the instance of the commission, brought suit against the railroad to recover the penalties provided by statute and obtained judgment in

the lower courts for several thousand dollars. The railroad company appealed and the supreme court now reverses the judgment of the lower court, holding that a reduction by the legislature or commission of the rates of a railroad to a point too low to permit it to earn its operating expenses is deprivation of the property without just compensation, and is confiscation, and in conflict with the State and Federal constitutions. This is the first decision of the kind by a court of last resort.—*Ocala Banner*.

Florida oranges have no competitors; the consumer wants the best orange it is possible to obtain. We must get the Florida orange before the country in the very best shape. When once the world (to employ a vulgarism) "gets the taste in its mouth," the fortune of the Florida fruit is made. To get it before the country in its best condition, we must have the speediest possible transit and under the best possible conditions—conditions which will insure the arrival of the orange at its destination in a clean, sound, cool, healthful condition; as nearly like its condition when first plucked from the branch as human ingenuity can devise. *Times-Union*.

The question of a ship canal has assumed prominence in the legislature, and besides the bill for one from Cedar Key to Jacksonville, another has been introduced for an appropriation for a preliminary survey for a canal to connect the Ocklawaha and Withlacoochee rivers. Only a forty mile cut is necessary to give steamboat passage by this route, and the distance from the Atlantic to the Gulf is only 300 miles.

The temperance people of Leesburg are getting up a petition asking the legislature to stop tampering with Article XIX, also asking the legislature to enact such provisions as will make the local option laws more effective.

The Florida Fruit Exchange of Jacksonville claims to have handled during the past four years \$1,000,000 worth of fruit without the loss of one cent to the shippers through defalcation, robbery, overcharge or false returns.

Trains from Winter Park.

SOUTH FLORIDA RAILROAD.

NORTHWARD.—6:55 a. m., accommodation (connects at Sanford with J. T. & K. W. for Jacksonville and St. Augustine, via Palatka); 3:10 p. m., accommodation (connects at Sanford with S. & L. E. for Tavares); 11:53 p. m., express (sleeping car to Jersey City without change).

SOUTHWARD.—10:25 a. m., accommodation (to Kissimmee); 5:00 p. m., accommodation (to Kissimmee); 5:57 p. m., express (connects at Lakeland with F. S. for Punta Gorda, and at Tampa Monday and Thursday for Key West and Havana).

ORLANDO AND WINTER PARK RAILWAY.

LEAVE WINTER PARK.—7:12 (does not run Saturdays), 9:05 a. m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:20 (Saturdays only) p. m.

LEAVE ORLANDO.—7:50 (does not run Saturdays), 11:00 a. m., 2:00, 5:20, 9:00 (Saturdays only) p. m.

Church Services.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Rev. B. F. Brown, Rector.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, White's Hall. Sunday services.—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.; Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Children's class at 3 p. m.; Prayer meeting (occasionally preaching) at 7 p. m.

Tuesday evening. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Friday evening. Class meeting at residence of R. B. Thayer.
Rev. P. J. Reeves, Pastor.

Notice.

I hereby notify all persons not to trespass on my property at Winter Park, nor to remove any plants, flowers or fruit, as I intend to prosecute the first person caught. I will also give a liberal reward for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of such person or persons as violate the above.

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